

HALL JURY PUTS SIMPSON ON GRILL, SCRAPS HIS ORDERS ON INDICTMENTS



JUSTICE FROM THE RANKS will be the lot of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, Henry and Willie Stevens and Henry Carpender when they go on trial for the Hall-Mills murders. Among those in the petit jury are: (1), Robert S. Brunt, reporter for the Unionist Gazette; (2), Samuel S. Packer, a barber; (3), Phillips W. Brokaw, a carpenter. These are the type of jurors who will decide the fate of those accused in the slaying. Senator Simpson charges that a jury of rich and influential men will be picked.

Foreman Plans to Push Own Inquiry Tomorrow; May Call New Witnesses

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Like a Frankenstein monster, the Somerset county grand jury, called by Senator Alexander Simpson to obtain indictments against alleged accessories to the Hall-Mills murders, today threatens to destroy its creator.

While the special prosecutor sees his house of cards crumble, Percival Snyder, grand jury foreman, firmly insists that his men will meet tomorrow, Simpson or no Simpson.

Acting on his own volition, the grand jury will investigate Simp-

sion's case. Witnesses will be heard and evidence will be weighed that may or may not re-

open hostility now exists between Simpson and the grand jury. The testimony of ex-Trooper Dickman, Simpson's star witness, has been furiously attacked by Snyder, a staunch friend of the late prosecutor, Azriah Beekman.

On Friday, after certain grand jury members had called Dickman a liar, Simpson ordered Sheriff Sanford Tunison to notify the jury men not to meet tomorrow.

"The grand jury will go ahead, regardless of Simpson," Snyder declared angrily.

"Regardless of what Prosecutor Simpson may decide, the grand jury is an independent body and nobody has the authority to stop it."

Asked to confirm a well-defined report that the grand jury would broaden its investigation to include a study of Simpson's charges against county officials, Snyder haltingly replied:

"Oh, I can't answer that now."

Asked if other witnesses besides

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Alexander Simpson

Felix di Martini

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Find Owner Slain in Store, Throat Severed by Knife

Brutal murder or gruesome suicide?

Police were divided in their opinions when the body of Max Kressner, 45, of 229 East 67th St., father of five children, was found with the throat slit from ear to ear in his grocery and delicatessen at 250 East 67th St., early today.

Kressner's wife, Tessie, and his daughter, Ida, reported that a knock which they did not answer was heard on the apartment door at 5 a.m. They said that as they watched Kressner cross the street at 6 a.m. they saw a man follow him into the store.

Kressner was supposed to have sold the store today to Jack and

Michael Plotnick of 1424 St., Marks Ave., Brooklyn. He had received \$300 in part payment on Saturday. Sergeant Kehoe and Patrolman McManus of the East 67th Street Station, examined the bloodstained butcher knife near the body and reported a murder.

Detectives from the Homicide Bureau called it suicide.

Talks With Tacks In Mouth, Lands In Hospital

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—"Silence is golden," mutely reaffirms Elias Neira, a carpenter of San Antonio, from a bed in a local hospital. Neira tried to talk while his mouth was filled with tacks.

He swallowed the tacks.

Contrary Mary's Plan to Wed Count Excites Belgrade

BELGRADE, Oct. 25.—Considerable comment has been caused here today by the knowledge that Miss Mary Landdon Baker, Chicago heiress, is to marry Count Bojildar Pouritch of the ministry of foreign affairs in Jugoslavia.

Miss Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Baker, jilted Allister McCormick three times. In 1922 she left him waiting at the Fourth Presbyterian Church. His relatives occupied pews waiting for the wedding march that started, but did not bring the bride.

Miss Baker's name has been linked with many dashing young nobles. Rumor has had her engaged to several. But it has been generally known that her thoughts centered on the young count she expects to marry. Unless he wants to be treated as was McCormick, society whispers here, the count had better get busy and change his lady's name without further delay.

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U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Partly cloudy and cooler today; fair tomorrow; strong northwest winds. EASTERN NEW YORK—Partly cloudy and cooler, with possibly showers in north portion today; fair tomorrow; strong northwest winds.

Warship Founders in Gale, 85 Drowned, Two Rescued From Raft in Mid-Ocean

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 25 (By U. P.)—Eighty-five officers and men of the British sloop-of-war Valerian were drowned Saturday when the vessel foundered in the hurricane that swept southern waters. Only seventeen men and two officers—Capt. William Usher and Lieut. Hughes, navigator—were saved.

They were found floating on life rafts and near death when rescued, having drifted more than twenty hours. The British warship Wisteria, sister ship of the Valerian, made the rescue and landed the survivors at Hamilton, Bermuda, cable advices said.

The 5,000-ton freighter Eastway also foundered in the gale and only twelve of the crew were saved, including one officer.

This is the ship that sent out wireless calls for aid on Friday night.

Torn From Anchorage

The British warship Calcutta, flagship of the fleet in southern waters, was torn from anchorage and nearly swept on the coral reefs. The Wisteria saved her.

The Valerian a short time ago visited Bar Harbor, Me.

Bridge Train Leaps Tracks; Tie-Up Delays Thousands

Thousands of persons were delayed and inconvenienced during the rush hour today when a Manhattan-bound elevated train of the Fulton Street line left the tracks at the Brooklyn entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge, blocked four sets of rails and tied up all "L" traffic over the span for forty minutes.

Under the guidance of policemen called from three stations passengers walked over the ties of the elevated structure from stalled trains to the nearest stations.

An open switch is believed to have been the cause of the accident. The Fulton Street train was entering the bridge, a block from the Sands Street station, when the forward trucks of the first car glided over the switch and on to both Brooklyn and Manhattan-bound rails.

The train of six cars was packed with people on the way to business. In order to eliminate the third

rail danger, the current was shut off while the passengers picked their way along the ties to the station. They were then sent to the street, given transfers and continued their passage on surface cars.

In the meantime other trains from the various lines using the bridge had become stalled and the passengers from these were forced to climb over the tracks to the Adams Street station, where they boarded trolleys.

There was considerable confusion but nobody was injured. The accident occurred at 8:05 A. M., and elevated traffic was not resumed until 8:45 A. M.